



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

June 13, 2000

Ms. Sarah E. Taylor
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1201 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004-2401

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Your petition submitted on behalf of the National Cheese Institute, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., and National Food Processors Association, requesting the Food and Drug Administration to Amend 21 C.F.R. Pt 133.3 to recognize formally that filtered milk is a form of milk encompassed by the terms "milk" and "nonfat milk" under the standards of identity for cheese and cheese products, was received by this office on 6/13/00. It was assigned docket number 00P-0586/CP2 and it was filed on 06/13/00. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

Helen K. Harris
Dockets Management Branch

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